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Table 1: Economy

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
ESTIMATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT - June quarter						
Unemployed persons	no.	234	237	291	254	238
Unemployment rate	%	5.0	5.1	6.2	5.3	4.7
TAXATION STATISTICS - year ended 30 June						
Non-taxable individuals	no.	965	1 022	1 184	1 157	-
Taxable individuals	no.	3 770	3 719	3 452	3 466	-
Taxable income	$m	120.8	124.6	118.2	126.2	-
Average taxable income	$	32 034	33 518	34 240	36 409	-
Net tax	$m	24.8	26.4	25.2	27.1	-
Average net tax	$	6 576	7 108	7 307	7 813	-
Average net tax ratio	%	20.5	21.2	21.3	21.5	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS * - year ended 30 June						
Wage and salary earners	no.	3 020	3 011	2 814	2 790	-
Wage and salary income	$m	86.3	90.0	85.6	91.3	-
Total income	$m	89.9	93.9	89.5	96.1	-
Average wage and salary income	$	28 583	29 890	30 427	32 736	-
Average total income	$	29 777	31 188	31 803	34 449	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY AGE AND SEX * - year ended 30 June						
Males - 15 years to 24 years	no.	336	345	297	299	-
Males - 25 years to 34 years	no.	382	355	296	286	-
Males - 35 years to 44 years	no.	366	349	347	333	-
Males - 45 years to 54 years	no.	340	329	290	313	-
Males - 55 years and over	no.	241	258	246	243	-
Males - Total	no.	1 665	1 636	1 476	1 474	-
Females - 15 years to 24 years	no.	256	258	245	231	-
Females - 25 years to 34 years	no.	290	290	275	266	-
Females - 35 years to 44 years	no.	342	337	323	316	-
Females - 45 years to 54 years	no.	310	331	331	325	-
Females - 55 years and over	no.	157	158	164	176	-
Females - Total	no.	1 355	1 374	1 338	1 314	-
Persons - 15 years to 24 years	no.	592	603	542	530	-
Persons - 25 years to 34 years	no.	672	645	571	552	-
Persons - 35 years to 44 years	no.	708	686	670	649	-
Persons - 45 years to 54 years	no.	650	660	621	638	-
Persons - 55 years and over	no.	398	416	410	419	-
Persons - Total	no.	3 020	3 010	2 814	2 788	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY OCCUPATION * - year ended 30 June						
Managers and Administrators	no.	-	198	190	198	-
Professionals	no.	-	468	455	441	-
Associate Professionals	no.	-	142	141	158	-
Tradespersons and Related Workers	no.	-	420	382	383	-
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	no.	-	77	80	74	-
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	448	466	434	-
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	no.	-	148	153	170	-
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	285	260	280	-
Labourers and Related Workers	no.	-	591	469	457	-
Not Stated	no.	-	277	218	196	-
Total wage and salary earners	no.	-	3 054	2 814	2 791	-
PERSONS WITH OWN UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS * - year ended 30 June						
Males						
Males with own unincorporated business	no.	609	547	414	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	21.1	17.6	12.1	-	-
Total income	$m	19.8	17.4	13.3	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	34 607	32 163	29 286	-	-
Average total income	$	32 551	31 881	32 188	-	-
Females						
Females with own unincorporated business	no.	376	340	240	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	11.5	10.2	6.0	-	-
Total income	$m	11.6	10.7	7.0	-	-

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Average own unincorporated business income	$	30 497	30 102	25 092	-	-
Average total income	$	30 846	31 593	29 188	-	-
Persons						
Persons with own unincorporated business	no.	985	887	654	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	32.5	27.8	18.1	-	-
Total income	$m	31.4	28.2	20.3	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	33 038	31 373	27 747	-	-
Average total income	$	31 901	31 771	31 087	-	-
COUNTS OF BUSINESS ENTRIES AND EXITS						
Number of Businesses - at 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	681	678	567	591
Employing businesses: 1 to 4 employees	no.	-	264	291	321	300
Employing businesses: 5 or more employees	no.	-	186	207	216	219
Total businesses	no.	-	1 131	1 176	1 104	1 110
Business Entries - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	96	51	63
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	42	51	78
Total business entries	no.	-	-	138	102	141
Business Exits - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	111	168	63
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	12	6	54
Total business exits	no.	-	-	123	174	117
Number of Businesses by Industry - at 30 June						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	-	459	459	441	432
Mining	no.	-	6	9	9	9
Manufacturing	no.	-	39	42	39	42
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	-	3	3	3	3
Construction	no.	-	132	120	114	99
Wholesale trade	no.	-	48	42	51	48
Retail trade	no.	-	129	141	129	141
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	no.	-	33	36	30	36
Transport and storage	no.	-	63	72	66	69
Communication services	no.	-	9	9	15	15
Finance and insurance	no.	-	33	33	27	30
Property and business services	no.	-	102	126	117	123
Education	no.	-	3	6	3	3
Health and community services	no.	-	36	39	33	33
Cultural and recreational services	no.	-	15	15	9	12
Personal and other services	no.	-	21	24	18	15
Total businesses	no.	-	1 131	1 176	1 104	1 110

* These data relate to persons for whom this source of income was their principal source of income for the relevant financial year

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		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX - at 30 June						
Males - 0 to 4 years	no.	393	365	356	351	346
Males - 5 years to 9 years	no.	401	419	413	407	393
Males - 10 years to 14 years	no.	389	381	396	404	419
Males - 15 years to 19 years	no.	413	416	395	354	340
Males - 20 years to 24 years	no.	251	261	263	252	217
Males - 25 years to 29 years	no.	266	242	221	232	249
Males - 30 years to 34 years	no.	303	300	294	294	282
Males - 35 years to 39 years	no.	330	308	308	302	296
Males - 40 years to 44 years	no.	350	354	341	332	326
Males - 45 years to 49 years	no.	324	324	325	333	329
Males - 50 years to 54 years	no.	372	356	344	332	328
Males - 55 years to 59 years	no.	301	313	318	322	333
Males - 60 years to 64 years	no.	282	263	258	282	292
Males - 65 years to 69 years	no.	230	252	251	241	240
Males - 70 years to 74 years	no.	183	175	173	182	189
Males - 75 years to 79 years	no.	134	130	122	129	135
Males - 80 years to 84 years	no.	95	97	83	89	98
Males - 85 years and over	no.	65	66	52	58	71
Males - Total	no.	5 082	5 022	4 913	4 896	4 883
Females - 0 to 4 years	no.	313	304	313	293	298
Females - 5 years to 9 years	no.	333	325	326	327	332
Females - 10 years to 14 years	no.	418	420	405	400	365
Females - 15 years to 19 years	no.	340	342	343	346	349
Females - 20 years to 24 years	no.	231	233	235	223	220
Females - 25 years to 29 years	no.	276	275	257	242	228
Females - 30 years to 34 years	no.	304	311	320	332	317
Females - 35 years to 39 years	no.	345	319	308	303	301
Females - 40 years to 44 years	no.	343	333	336	328	346
Females - 45 years to 49 years	no.	313	320	305	304	305
Females - 50 years to 54 years	no.	326	327	322	332	309
Females - 55 years to 59 years	no.	308	311	298	294	309
Females - 60 years to 64 years	no.	261	253	256	272	282
Females - 65 years to 69 years	no.	236	245	245	242	228
Females - 70 years to 74 years	no.	198	192	194	199	217
Females - 75 years to 79 years	no.	172	173	171	168	176
Females - 80 years to 84 years	no.	142	143	136	139	140
Females - 85 years and over	no.	151	138	119	135	150
Females - Total	no.	5 010	4 964	4 889	4 879	4 872
Persons - 0 to 4 years	no.	706	669	669	644	644
Persons - 5 years to 9 years	no.	734	744	739	734	725
Persons - 10 years to 14 years	no.	807	801	801	804	784
Persons - 15 years to 19 years	no.	753	758	738	700	689
Persons - 20 years to 24 years	no.	482	494	498	475	437
Persons - 25 years to 29 years	no.	542	517	478	474	477
Persons - 30 years to 34 years	no.	607	611	614	626	599
Persons - 35 years to 39 years	no.	675	627	616	605	597
Persons - 40 years to 44 years	no.	693	687	677	660	672
Persons - 45 years to 49 years	no.	637	644	630	637	634
Persons - 50 years to 54 years	no.	698	683	666	664	637
Persons - 55 years to 59 years	no.	609	624	616	616	642
Persons - 60 years to 64 years	no.	543	516	514	554	574
Persons - 65 years to 69 years	no.	466	497	496	483	468
Persons - 70 years to 74 years	no.	381	367	367	381	406
Persons - 75 years to 79 years	no.	306	303	293	297	311
Persons - 80 years to 84 years	no.	237	240	219	228	238
Persons - 85 years and over	no.	216	204	171	193	221
Persons - Total	no.	10 092	9 986	9 802	9 775	9 755
POPULATION DENSITY - at 30 June						
Population density	persons/km^2	-	-	-	-	2.1
INDIGENOUS POPULATION - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population	%	-	-	-	-	7.1
OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2006						
Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia)	%	-	-	-	-	0.5
Born in North-West Europe	%	-	-	-	-	1.9
Born in Southern and Eastern Europe	%	-	-	-	-	0.4
Born in North Africa and the Middle East	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Born in South-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.3
Born in North-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Born in Southern and Central Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.1

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Born in Americas	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Born in Sub-Saharan Africa	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Total born overseas	%	-	-	-	-	3.9
SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population aged 15 years and over	%	-	-	-	-	1.5
LEVEL OF POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Postgraduate Degree	%	-	-	-	-	0.6
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	0.9
Bachelor Degree	%	-	-	-	-	6.0
Advanced Diploma and Diploma	%	-	-	-	-	4.9
Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	18.1
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	14.5
Total with qualifications	%	-	-	-	-	45.1
OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMPLOYED PERSONS - Census 2006						
Managers	%	-	-	-	-	23.4
Professionals	%	-	-	-	-	12.7
Technicians and Trades Workers	%	-	-	-	-	13.7
Community and Personal Service Workers	%	-	-	-	-	8.9
Clerical and Administrative Workers	%	-	-	-	-	10.9
Sales Workers	%	-	-	-	-	8.7
Machinery Operators and Drivers	%	-	-	-	-	6.9
Labourers	%	-	-	-	-	13.0
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	1.8
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Lone person households	no.	-	-	-	-	1 010
Group households	no.	-	-	-	-	71
Family households	no.	-	-	-	-	2 467
Total households	no.	-	-	-	-	3 545
FAMILIES BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	818
Couple families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	169
Couple families without children	no.	-	-	-	-	1 027
One parent families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	326
One parent families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	127
Other families	no.	-	-	-	-	34
Total families	no.	-	-	-	-	2 501
INTERNAL MIGRATION - Census 2006						
Persons who lived at same address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	7 538
Persons who lived at different address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	1 281
Persons who lived at same address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	4 968
Persons who lived at different address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	2 713
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY REMOTENESS AREA - Census 2006						
Major Cities	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Inner Regional	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Outer Regional	%	-	-	-	-	100.0
Remote	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Very Remote	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY SECTION OF STATE - Census 2006						
Major Urban	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Other Urban	%	-	-	-	-	74.3
Bounded Locality	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Rural Balance	%	-	-	-	-	25.7
UNPAID WORK: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Persons undertaking voluntary work for an organisation or group	%	-	-	-	-	27.5
Persons caring for own children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	20.9
Persons caring for other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	8.0
Persons caring for own children and other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	1.0
Persons providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others	%	-	-	-	-	12.3
ACCESS TO INTERNET AT HOME: PROPORTION OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS - Census 2006						
Broadband connection	%	-	-	-	-	22.5
Dial-up connection	%	-	-	-	-	25.2
Other connection	%	-	-	-	-	0.8
Total internet connections	%	-	-	-	-	48.5

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS - year ended 31 December						
Births	no.	107	119	102	106	112
Total fertility rate	rate	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
Deaths	no.	92	107	92	91	85
Standardised death rate	rate	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.8	7.1
NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS - year ended 31 December						
Homicide	no.	-	-	-	n.p.	0
Assault - Domestic violence related	no.	-	-	-	52	55
Assault - Not domestic violence related	no.	-	-	-	87	99
Sexual offences	no.	-	-	-	18	21
Robbery - Without a weapon	no.	-	-	-	n.p.	n.p.
Robbery - With a firearm	no.	-	-	-	0	0
Robbery - With a weapon not a firearm	no.	-	-	-	0	3
Break and enter - Dwelling	no.	-	-	-	85	79
Break and enter - Non-dwelling	no.	-	-	-	79	57
Motor vehicle theft	no.	-	-	-	18	26
Steal from motor vehicle	no.	-	-	-	141	99
Steal from retail store	no.	-	-	-	15	11
Steal from dwelling	no.	-	-	-	90	60
Steal from person	no.	-	-	-	n.p.	3
Driving offences	no.	-	-	-	481	677
Fraud	no.	-	-	-	20	21
Malicious damage to property	no.	-	-	-	216	266
Drugs - Possession and/or use	no.	-	-	-	15	9
Drugs - Dealing, trafficking	no.	-	-	-	0	0
APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS ISSUED - year ended 31 December						
Number		-	-	-	62	54
Domestic	no.	-	-	-	20	15
Personal	no.	-	-	-	82	69
Total	no.					
Rate per 100,000 population						
Domestic	rate	-	-	-	621.3	539.8
Personal	rate	-	-	-	200.4	150.0
Total	rate	-	-	-	821.7	689.8
DRIVERS LICENCE HOLDERS - year ended 30 June						
Number holding licence	no.	6 368	6 424	6 314	6 244	6 260
Proportion of population aged 16 years and over	%	82.3	83.1	82.2	80.6	84.3

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Table 3: Industry

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BUILDING APPROVALS - year ended 30 June						
Private sector houses	no.	25	10	24	36	25
Total dwelling units	no.	39	10	26	47	29
Value of total residential building	$m	6.1	2.1	4.6	10.2	6.2
Value of total non-residential building	$m	2.0	0.6	3.6	1.9	1.2
Value of total building	$m	8.1	2.7	8.1	12.0	7.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES - year ended 30 June						
Passenger vehicles	no.	159	183	189	183	163
Other vehicles	no.	144	175	151	191	224
Total new motor vehicle sales	no.	303	359	340	374	387
MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS - REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES - at 31 March						
Number by type of vehicle						
Passenger vehicles	no.	4 206	4 311	4 326	4 347	4 396
Campervans	no.	7	11	12	12	11
Light commercial vehicles	no.	1 896	1 977	2 002	1 992	2 067
Light rigid trucks	no.	59	62	64	69	71
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	334	325	323	331	326
Articulated trucks	no.	88	89	86	95	100
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	7	5	6	7	8
Buses	no.	32	33	31	33	33
Motorcycles	no.	140	140	143	186	183
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	6 769	6 952	6 993	7 073	7 197
Number per 1,000 population						
Passenger vehicles	no.	417	432	441	445	451
Campervans	no.	1	1	1	1	1
Light commercial vehicles	no.	188	198	204	204	212
Light rigid trucks	no.	6	6	7	7	7
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	33	33	33	34	33
Articulated trucks	no.	9	9	9	10	10
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	1	1	1	1	1
Buses	no.	3	3	3	3	3
Motorcycles	no.	14	14	15	19	19
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	671	696	713	724	738
Number by type of fuel						
Petrol - Leaded	no.	1 481	1 324	1 155	967	824
Petrol - Unleaded	no.	3 828	4 077	4 246	4 470	4 682
Diesel	no.	1 377	1 457	1 495	1 542	1 594
LPG/Dual/Other	no.	82	94	98	94	97
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES * - year ended 30 June						
Total area						
Area of holding	ha	-	-	-	-	410 852.8
Cereals for grain	ha	-	-	-	-	124 373.3
Vegetables for human consumption	ha	-	-	-	-	1.1
Orchard trees (including nuts)	ha	-	-	-	-	271.1
All fruit (excluding grapes)	ha	-	-	-	-	271.1
Non-cereal broadacre crops	ha	-	-	-	-	5 976.5
Total number						
Sheep and lambs	no.	-	-	-	-	503 180
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	no.	-	-	-	-	6 240
Meat cattle	no.	-	-	-	-	48 713
Pigs	no.	-	-	-	-	8 302

* Agricultural commodities data is subject to relative standard error (RSE) - for further information see ABS cat no. 7125.0

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Table 4: Environment/Energy

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LAND AREA						
Land area	km^2	-	-	-	-	4 719.8

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